

Chairman Powell:

Please delay the vote on broadcast ownership. Plainly, a lot of people and groups want to express their opinion on the issue. This is a momentous decision, and if it is made in haste, the public (including me) will think that you've sold out to the networks and the media moguls (like Rupert Murdoch), and you've done it in a shady, SUSPICIOUS fashion. Kind of like selling the family silver out the back door.

On the other hand, if you give the rest of us time to comment on the ownership issue, you have at least a chance of convincing the public that the FCC hasn't simply sold them out.

By the way, all that NEW MEDIA that I'm supposed to be getting my local news and information from: I live in a major metropolitan area, and I CAN'T get all that wonderful NEW MEDIA. I can't afford cable TV, broadband internet access, or the kind of fancy computer equipment that would let me get radio broadcasts from around the world. I need good, reliable news from as many sources as possible to be a good voter, even if I can't afford broadband access and fancy new computer equipment. If a few media conglomerates own all the local stations, I certainly won't have faith in the impartiality--or truthfulness--of the news broadcasts I see any more.

Yours sincerely,

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